

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Docket # 11-65

Members of the Commission:

Portage des Sioux, Missouri, is a small community in a rural area north of St. Louis, situated not far from the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. For Portage Des Sioux, and towns like us, our ability to thrive in the future is in no small part reliant on access to high-speed mobile broadband technology. For this reason, I ask you to approve the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

For much of our community's history, we have watched as the river provided the main means of commerce, carrying boats loaded with commodities and durable goods to their final destinations up and downstream. But the future of commerce is being built on a wireless infrastructure, one that allows the new commodity of information to flow freely from mobile devices.

Too frequently, however, smaller, rural areas like Portage des Sioux don't receive access to new technologies as quickly as our urban counterparts. This merger would change that, bringing 4G LTE high-speed mobile broadband technology to Portage des Sioux and over 97 percent of America.

I hope you will approve this merger, and that you keep the needs of smaller, rural communities in mind as you review it.

Sincerely,



Mark Warner, Mayor
Portage des Sioux, Missouri

CC:

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn